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SUBJ: TENNECO SIX

REF: A. KHARTOUM 1504; B. ADDIS ABABA 6781

1. KHALIFA RECEIVED FROM ZEIN THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS OF IDENTITIES OF TWO IEG-HELD ELF CAPTIVES AS REQUESTED (REF B).

2. SAYEED HUSSEIN WAS ARRESTED IN 1963 AND IMPRISONED FOR 10 YEARS. AN APPEAL WAS MADE (PRESUMABLY BY THE ELF) AND AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS APPEAL, THE IEG RAISED THE PRISON TERM TO 20 YEARS. SAYEED WAS TRANSFERRED IN 1964 TO ALAM BAGA PRISON IN ADDIS ABABA. FOUR MONTHS AGO, SAYEED WAS TRANSFERRED TO SIMBEL PRISON IN ASMARA WHERE HE HAS BEEN DETAINED AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL 1974 ACCORDING TO ZEIN.

3. ABDULLAH SAYEED OLAG IS ALSO KNOWN AS ABDULLAH SAYEED IDRIS BAHEIT. HE WAS ARRESTED MAY 15, 1970 IN GIDAND WHICH IS DESCRIBED BY ZEIN AS LOCATED NEAR KEREN. HE WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND INCARCERATED IN SIMBEL PRISON ASMARA WHERE HE HAS BEEN SERVING HIS SENTENCE AT LEAST UNTIL MAY 1974.

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4. KHALIFA EXPLAINED THAT THE TELEPHONE CALL (REF A) CONCERNING THE 48-HOUR ESTIMATE ON THE TIMING OF WEDERFORT'S RELEASE WAS PROMPTED BY THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. FIRST, KHALIFA RECEIVED A TELEGRAM, JUNE 24, BEARING THE CLARIFICATION OF THE IDENTITIES OF TWO ELF CAPATIVES, PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE. THE SAME TELEGRAM STATED THAT WEDRFORT WOULD BE RELEASED AFTER THE IEG TROOP MOVEMENTS CEASED AND A GUARANTEE RECEIVED THAT THE FIVE ELF CAPTIVES HELD BY THE IEG WOULD BE FREED. KHALIFA THEN IMMEDIATELY SENT A RETURN MESSAGE EMPHATICALLY STATING THAT THE ELF MUST KEEP ITS WORD AND RELEASE WEDERFORT UNCONDITIONALLY. THE LAST TELEPHONE CALL (CITED REF A) STATING WEDERFORT WOULD BE RELEASED WAS THEN RECEIVED BY KHALIFA IN RESPONSE TO HIS REMINDER TO THE ELF OF THEIR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

5. KHALIFA CONFIRMED THAT APPROPRIATE POLICE BORDER POSTS NEAR KASSALA HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO RECEIVE WEDERFORT. HE, HOWEVER, CAUTIONED THAT 48 HOURS IS A ROUGH EL ESTIMATE AND ALLEGED TROOP MOVEMENTS MAY DELAY WEDERFORT'S RELEASE.  
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